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SUBJECT: AMBASSADOR BOGDAN ANNOUNCES DEPARTURE, REQUESTS
AGREEMENT FOR NICOLAE NICOLAE

1. ROMANIAN AMBASSADOR BOGDAN INFORMED DEPUTY ASSISTANT
SECRETARY ARMITAGE MAY 17 THAT HE IS BEING REASSIGNED TO
BUCHAREST AND WILL BE LEAVING THE UNITED STATES WITHIN
FIFTEEN DAYS OR SO, WITH ETD JUNE 3. BOGDAN ALSO FORMALLY
REQUESTED AGREEMENT FOR MINISTER AND SECRETARY OF STATE IN
THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN TRADE AND INTERNATIONAL COOPERA-
TION, NICOLAE NICOLAE.

2. BOGDAN DESCRIBED NICOLAE AS "BEST CHOICE" AND PROMISED
US WOULD FIND HIM WELL VERSED IN TRADE AND ECONOMIC MATTERS,
ALSO WELL TRAVELED AND WITH A "QUICK MIND." IN RESPONSE TO
ARMITAGE'S QUESTION, BOGDAN THOUGHT NICOLAE'S ECONOMIC/
TRADE BACKGROUND IS PROBABLY RELEVANT TO HIS APPOINTMENT
HERE, AS EMPHASIS IN BUCHAREST IS NOW CLEARLY ON THIS
ASPECT OF US-ROMANIAN RELATIONS.

3. BOGDAN DID NOT KNOW WHEN NICOLAE HOPED TO ARRIVE, BUT
EXPRESSED DESIRE THAT--ASSUMING AGREEMENT PROCEEDS SMOOTHLY--
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CREDENTIALS PRESENTATION COULD BE ARRANGED PROMPTLY.

ARMITAGE PROMISED THAT WE WOULD KEEP GOR AS FULLY INFORMED

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